

May 19, 1983

LB 259

CLERK: (Read roll call vote as found on pages 2397-2398 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Changing from yes to not voting.

CLERK: Senator Chambers changing from yes to not voting. 16 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion failed. Do we have anything on the bill now?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson would move to amend.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I want to apologize to you as I begin with this because I intended to have a nice big fat amendment to put into your hands, however, the bill drafters' computer broke down, something else that has to be repaired with our funds. Everybody tells me to put my microphone up. You know it is just that I am tall, Senator Beutler, and that is always difficult. In any event, the computer broke down so I didn't get the amendment back from the bill drafter until just a few minutes ago and my assistant is still out photocopying it so you could have it on your desk but I will tell you what it does and I don't think it does anything that would be an evil in the mind of anybody in this Legislature. One of the things that Senator Labeledz and I have done so consistently throughout is we have attempted to deal with the bingo issue as to try to keep everybody fully informed and you will currently find in your bill book something known as a white copy to LB 259 which says, "For informational purposes only," and that white copy reflected all amendments to the bingo law that were adopted as of a month ago when we last took up the issue. Now this amendment that I am offering, that Senator Labeledz and I am offering today is primarily a recapitulation of everything that we have done to date but it has a couple of...it has some technical changes in it. It has some technical changes in it because people who were involved in the pickle sale business found some deficiencies in the way we were taxing the pickle sales and so we went and made some changes to, in a sense, make it easier for us to collect the tax on pickle sales and in addition we discovered that one of the things that we were doing is that we were inadvertently eliminating some